

**The Specification**

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 2-12 with the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/287,699, filed April 6, 1999, entitled "Method and Apparatus for Authenticating an Open System Application to a Portable IC Device", now U.S. Patent No. 6,609,199, which is hereby incorporated by reference, and which is a continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/266,207, filed March 10, 1999, entitled "System and Method for Authenticating an Operating System to a Central Processing Unit, Providing the CPU/OS with Secure Storage, and Authenticating the CPU/OS to a Third Party", which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/105,891, filed October 26, 1998, entitled "System and Method for Authenticating an Operating System to a Central Processing Unit, Providing the CPU/OS with Secure Storage, and Authenticating the CPU/OS to a Third Party".